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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BROWN TO RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Charles P. Brown** of Albemarle to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Board of Directors.

Brown is a partner at Brown, Brown and Brown law firm. He is a member of the N.C. Board of Conservation and Development and the Stanly County Economic Development Commission. Brown is a past president of the Stanly County and 20th Judicial District Bar Association; he is the current finance chairman of Albemarle Sesquicentennial Committee, a past member of UNC at Chapel Hill's General Alumni Association Board of Directors and a past president of the UNC at Chapel Hill Law Alumni Association board of directors. He received his Bachelor's in business administration from UNC at Chapel Hill and is a graduate of the UNC School of Law.

The board works to improve the economic opportunities of rural North Carolinians, with a special focus on the welfare of low and moderate income individuals. Members accomplish this through policy research and demonstrations that help individuals, organizations and communities in rural areas become more productive and competitive. The board has 48 members. The governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the house each appoint three members. 39 members are elected by those appointed to the board.

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